

V. REMARKS

The Office Action states that the title of the invention is not descriptive and a new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The title of the invention is changed as indicated above that is now believed to clearly be indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Kodachi et al. (EP 1054368). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a gaming machine that includes:

a game result display device for displaying a game result thereon;

a beneficial state generating device for generating a beneficial state for a player when a specific game result is displayed on the game result display device; and

a demonstration display control device for controlling the game result display device so as to conduct demonstration display for collecting players based on information concerning with a game with the gaming machine further comprising:

an internal winning combination determination device for determining an internal winning combination;

a game result display control device for controlling the game result display device based on a determined result by the internal winning combination determination device; and

a determination device for determining whether or not the internal winning combination becomes a specific internal winning combination.

Claim 1 further recites that the demonstration display control device controls the game result display device based the specific internal winning combination when the determination device determines that the internal winning combination becomes the specific winning combination, that the demonstration display control device controls the game result display device to display information concerning with the internal winning combination for decisively notified that the specific internal winning combination is permitted to materialize when the specific internal winning combination is not materialized in the game,

and that the demonstration display control device does not control the game result display device so that the demonstration display is not conducted.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each element of claim 1 as now amended and recited above. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Support for the amended features of claim 1 can be found in paragraphs [0065] to [0071]. In summary, these paragraphs address two specific cases:

(a) One is the case where when the internal winning combination is "BB" (specific winning combination) and "BB hit" is not materialized in a game, the information image 92 is displayed on the game result display means, and also the game result display means is not controlled.

(b) The other is the case where when the internal winning combination is "BB" (specific winning combination) and "BB hit" is not materialized in a game, BB is carried over and the game result display means is not controlled.

The amendments of claims 1 and the features of new claim 10 are made with a focus on the above two cases.

Claims 4-6 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Kodachi in view of Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that that claim 5 is allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features it recites.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims them are 7-11 also include features not shown in the applied art.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

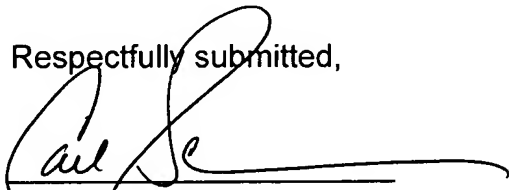
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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